# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL	§	No. 12-md-2323 (AB)
LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION	§	
INJURY LITIGATION	§	MDL No. 2323
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	§	SHORT FORM COMPLAINT
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:	§	
	§	IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL
Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long-	§	LEAGUE PLAYERS'
Form Complaint and	§	CONCUSSION INJURY
	§	LITIGATION
RAFFERTY, ET AL	§	
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THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE	8	
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USDC, EDPA. 2:12-cv-04741	§	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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### **SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

- 1. Plaintiff(s), <u>Trayvon Waller</u> and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_\_, bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) is/are filing this Short Form Complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed April 26, 2012.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse), incorporate(s) by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form

Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

4.	[Fill in if applicable] P.	laintiff is filing this case	in a representative capacity
as the	of	, having l	peen duly appointed as the
	By the	Court of	(Cross out
Sentence be	elow if not applicable.)	Copies of the Letter	s of Administration/Letters
Testamentar	ry for a wrongful death cl	aim are annexed hereto	if such Letters are required
for the com	mencement of such a cla	im by the Probate, Sur	rogate or other appropriate
court of the	jurisdiction of the deceder	nt.	
5.	Plaintiff, <u>Trayvor</u>	ı Waller	is a resident and
citizen of	Los Angeles, Californi	aa	nd claims damages as set
forth below.			
6.	[Fill in if applicable] P	laintiff's spouse,	, is a
resident and	citizen of	and claims dam	ages as a result of loss of
consortium	proximately caused by the	harm suffered by her P	laintiff husband/decedent.
7.	On information and be	lief, the Plaintiff (or de	cedent) sustained repetitive,
traumatic s	ub-concussive and/or cor	ncussive head impacts	during NFL games and/or
practices.	On information and bel	ief, Plaintiff suffers (c	or decedent suffered) from
symptoms of	of brain injury caused b	y the repetitive, traum	atic sub-concussive and/or
concussive	head impacts the Plaintiff	(or decedent) sustained	d during NFL games and/or
practices. C	On information and belief,	the Plaintiff's (or deced	lent's) symptoms arise from

injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.

8. [Fill in it applicable] The original complaint by Plaintiff(s) in this matter
was filed in the <u>USDC</u> , <u>Southern District of Texas</u> , <u>Houston Division</u> . If the case is
remanded, it should be remanded to the <u>USDC</u> , <u>Southern District of Texas</u> , <u>Houston</u>
Division.
9. Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]:
✓ Injury to Herself/Himself;
Injury to the Person Represented;
Wrongful Death;
Survivorship Action;
✓ Economic Loss;
Loss of Services;
Loss of Consortium.
10. [Fill in if applicable] As a result of the injuries to her husband,
, Plaintiff's Spouse,, suffers from a
loss of consortium, including the following injuries:
loss of marital services;
loss of companionship, affection or society;
loss of support; and
monetary losses in the form of unreimbursed costs she has had to
expend for the heath care and personal care of her husband.
11. [Check if applicable] ✓ Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable)
reserve(s) the right to object to federal jurisdiction.

#### **DEFENDANTS**

12. Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against the following Defendants in this action [check all that apply]:

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✓ National Football League;
✓ NFL Properties, LLC;
✓ Riddell, Inc.;
✓ All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.);
✓ Riddell Sports Group, Inc.;
✓ Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.;
✓ Easton-Bell Sports, LLC
✓ EB Sports Corporation;
✓ RBG Holdings Corporation.
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- 13. [Check where applicable] As to each of the Riddell Defendants referenced above, the claims asserted are: ✓ design defect; ✓ informational defect; \_\_manufacturing defect.
- 14. [Check if applicable] ✓ The Plaintiff (or decedent) wore one or more helmets designed and/or manufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff (or decedent) played in the NFL and/or AFL.
- 15. Plaintiff played in [check if applicable) ✓ the National Football League("NFL") and/or in [check if applicable] the American Football League ("AFL") during

2001 to 2002 for the following teams: New Orleans Saints .

# **CAUSES OF ACTION**

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16.	Plaintiff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of the Master	
Administrativ	ve Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations incorporated by	
Reference in	those Counts [check all that apply]:	
	✓ Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief – Liability (Against the NFL);	
	✓ Count II (Medical Monitoring [Against the NFL]);	
	Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions [Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment [Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count V (Fraud [Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation [Against the NFL]);	
	Count VII Negligence Pre-1968 Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 [Against the NFL]);	
	Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 [Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count X (Negligence Post-1994 [Against the NFL]);	
	Count XI (Loss of Consortium [Against the NFL and Riddell	
	Defendants]);	
	✓ Count XII (Negligent Hiring [Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count XIII (Negligent Retention [Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count XIV (Strict Liability for Design Defect [Against the	
	Riddell Defendants]);	
	Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect [Against the	
	Riddell Defendants]);	

✓ Count XVI (Failure to Warn [Against the Riddell Defendants]);

	✓ Count XVII (Negligence [Against the Riddell Defendants]);
	✓ Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment [Against
	the NFL Defendants]).
17.	Plaintiff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or
attach]:	

## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Wherefore, Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable), pray(s) for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- C. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- D. For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form of equitable relief;
- E. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- F. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and

G. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

## **JURY DEMANDED**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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